

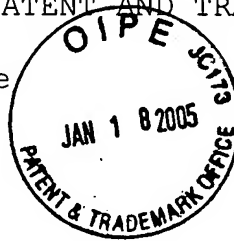
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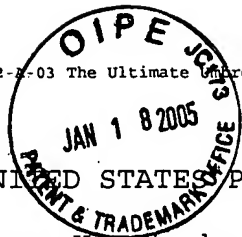
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

First, and in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 13, 2004, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group II, corresponding to the invention as recited in claims 14-25. Claims 1-13 are hereby withdrawn, without prejudice to representing them in a continuing application. Also, the Examiner's comments with regard to there being three embodiments of the invention recited in the elected claims (14-25) are noted, and an election is hereby made to the third embodiment, which the Examiner argues is shown in Figures 13-16.

Second, the Applicant also requests that the following amendments be entered, with consideration given to the remarks presented:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.